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EX-GOV. GILCHRIST ON CAUSES OF DEFEAT

Former Governor Lays it to Influence of "Guard-eens" Et Al.

The Palatka News on Wednesday received the following interesting letter from Ex-Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, who is at present in Waycross, Ga., where he has extensive landed interests:

Editor Palatka News:—

A number of Florida papers have published the following extract credited to your paper:

"The notion that a 'biled' shirt has a place in Florida politics has been approved by Gov. Trammell, who wears immaculate linen and who ran head of Albert Gilchrist, who worked the 'back woods cracker' racket, over 27,000 first choice votes."

I dislike to refer to my personal life during the campaign. I dislike a "biled" shirt, averaging six or seven of such weekly. Some one asked me if I would wear a certain shirt in the country. I said, "certainly; the same in the country as in the cities." One of the two high candidates for governor was not accused, indicted, tried or convicted of anything, but he was a "biled" shirt. With one or two exceptions, the night speaking, I blossomed out as a night-blooming cereus, in a fine way.

Catts and Trammell were endorsed by the secret political anti-Catholic societies. Of these, they were the champions of Liberty, the A. P. A's, the Junior Order of Mechanics and others, the name of which is unknown to me except its members. There may be other such societies, but the same office in view. Two years before the primary an officer of the Anti-Saloon League had published throughout the State suggestions in the prohibitionists should vote for Catts for Governor and for Trammell for U. S. Senator. Catts was a prohibitionist and a candidate for Governor. Had the prohibitionists been advised to vote for Catts instead of Knott for Governor, it is probable that the vote for Catts for Trammell would have been actually the same throughout the State. Some of the prohibitionists were "biled" away from me. The gentle suggestion was given that Gilchrist had no part in this suggestion was thrown at me some "friends" of mine in Jacksonville.

The answers to the following questions, propounded to me, and I am indebted to other candidates, by one of these secret societies, had more to do with the election than "biled" shirts. "Are you in favor of the freedom of the press?" "Are you in favor of freedom of speech?" My reply was substantially the same to both. I enjoyed from the Constitution of Florida, which guarantees freedom of the press, subject to its limits. I stated that if an editor libeled me or injured for a third or so I could stand it, but that I continued it longer I would be physically to slap the socks off him. I would like to have the law defend me. The same would apply to freedom of speech. The next question was, substantially, "Do you favor the inspection of some institutions?" My reply was that I favored the inspection of anything of which there was any suspicion of wrong. That if they were clean, such inspection would irritate them. That if they were not clean, such inspection would purify them. I also added that I was faithful as to the constitutionality of national law which would cover all cases. I was asked if I favored the use of public funds for secular purposes, to which I said, "No." Subsequently, an old friend, personal and political, of fully twenty years standing, a member of the camp or one which sent me these questions, wrote to my manager that the "General" would get but few votes in his county. He was right as to my receiving but few votes in his county. I really expected to lose in that county. Catts and Trammell, one with a "biled" shirt and the other without, swept that county.

I am here at Waycross, temporarily attending to some private business. I heard that there are many members of such secret societies here. Two men ran in the primary here for the legislature, putting in their names that they favored the inspection of all schools, public and private (convents). The other candidate who is an ex-senator and an ex-judge of a court which would cover Florida to the circuit court, did not have such in his platform. The first two were nominated by about eighteen hundred votes to about three hundred. If Ben Hill, Alexander H. Stephens or Henry Grady had been living, and did not have such in their platform, it is safe to say that they would have been defeated here by such a majority. From a sanitary standpoint, public schools and the students attending them are inspected. I can see no reason why the same principle should not be applied to private schools. Wherever prejudice is aroused due to presumed wrong doing an inspection would certainly vindicate them if they were all right, and would certainly purify them if there was anything wrong. It is safe to say that the State candidates who won out are those who answered these questions with an emphatic "Yes," except in the application of public funds for secular purposes.

In 1896, being a candidate for a third term in the Florida Legislature, I was opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. I won the nomination but was badly beaten in the election. I did not bolt the ticket. I never bolt.

In 1898 I went to the war in Cuba. In 1902 and 1904 I was re-nominated and re-elected to the legislature. Many told me that they helped to beat me in 1896. That I could have been elected by lying; that they were wrong and that they would support me. When I first ran for Speaker of the House, I had the right to expect 22 votes out of 68, the other two candidates having about that number each. By sundown on the day of the caucus they were gotten from me, all but two. Later I was nominated on the first ballot for Speaker of the House by a unanimous vote. Not long since a "statesman" was exalting over the votes which he had received for some complimentary position and was also exalting in mentioning to me the relatively small vote I had received. I said nothing. I thought of a wounded lion who might have been annoyed by a pole cat switching his tail.

Very truly yours,
ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.
Waycross Ga., June 27th, 1916.

BIG CONVENTION OF FARMERS FOR PALATKA

Special Invitations Issued to National Farmers' Union.

The Palatka board of trade and the city council have officially invited the National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America to hold their annual November convention in this city.

The board of trade took action on Monday night at a meeting specially called for the purpose.

On Tuesday night the city council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Merriam to invite the convention here.

Mr. M. P. Walsh of the Florida Farms & Homes, Inc., has been especially active in efforts to get this big convention for Palatka, and has been in correspondence with the president of the Union with this purpose in view. The board of trade has likewise asked Mr. Barrett, the president to visit Palatka as its guest to look over the ground.

E. M. Earnest has offered to give one-tenth of the amount required for the entertainment of the convention, which amount has been estimated at \$1,000. It is said that in case Palatka is selected that there will be delegates here from nearly all the states, and the number is most conservatively estimated at from 500 to 1,000.

The board of trade realizes that the only way to get conventions here is to go out after them, and this will be thoroughly done in this case.

At the last annual meeting of this big union of farmers, Florida was decided on as the next meeting State, but the city of meeting was not selected, having been left to the discretion of the executive. Lakeland has already made a strong bid for the meeting, and had it not been for the efforts of Palatka, would likely have been selected. As it is Palatka owing to its many advantages of railway and water communication and accessibility, has more than an even chance.

Give Us The Signs.

The Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co. has generously offered to give the current to the city with which to illumine any electric street signs the city may decide to erect. Do please get at this. We have the electrical engineers right here to devise the plans—Spencer & Coleman. Give them the opportunity. And give us the signs.

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YOUR UNCLE HENIS ONLY OBEYS ORDERS

In Looking Election Returns From Trying Eyes of Politicians.

Editor Palatka News:

I noticed in today's Times Union a statement that in Baker and Putnam Counties examination of the tally sheets of certain precincts had been denied.

While my name is not connected with this statement, yet it does relate to me, as I am the custodian of the tally sheets of Putnam county as registration officer, and for this reason I wish to make the following statement in order to set myself right before the people.

Soon after the last primary election Attorney General West wired the county judge to have me look up and preserve the records of the election in this county. County Judge Haskell exhibited to me the telegram and told me to look up these records so that they would be preserved and not tampered with as a contest might occur.

In obedience to the directions of the attorney general and the county judge, I immediately looked up all of the election records of this county that were in my custody, including the tally sheets, and have them carefully preserved same. Mr. Harry Gray called at my office and asked to see the tally sheets. I told him that they were locked up under order of the attorney general, and that I would be glad to let him see them if the attorney general directed. I immediately wired the attorney general for directions in the premises and was informed that he was at Atlantic Beach, and would not be home until the following Monday. My telegram has not yet been answered. I have no desire to do anything other than follow the law and should be pleased to accommodate any citizen by permitting him to examine the records if I can do so. The attorney general is the legal adviser in such matters, and I am under the impression that I have no right to disobey the authority of the State. I have not attempted to interpret or construe the law, as that is the duty of the attorney general, who is more capable to understand such matters than I am.

In other words, I am inhibited by the State authorities, as I understand the order of the attorney general, from exposing these records to any one.

It is my private opinion that the people should be permitted to inspect all public records, but I feel that Mr. West must modify his instructions before I can do so.

In addition to the direction of the attorney general, I have also procured the advice of the county attorney, Mr. A. H. Odum, who has advised me to keep these records locked and not expose them to any one.

I am a servant of the people, and desire to accord to them every accommodation, facility and privilege within my power, and I hope they will understand the situation.

Very truly yours,
HENIS PETERMAN,
Registration Officer.

COUNCIL WOULD BUY OLD WATERWORKS

At \$60,000 Provided it Had Authority to Act.

By a tie vote the Palatka city council on Tuesday night went on record as approving (subject to the approval of citizens) the purchase of the Palatka Water works, a Boston owned corporation, at \$60,000 "or as much less as it may be possible to conclude the transaction for."

Resolutions to this effect were put through, but Alderman Jarrett, who has a clear head, moved a reconsideration, which was seconded by Alderman McNally, this was lost by a tie vote. Those voting against reconsideration were Messrs. Neck, Austin, Purley, Ramsey, Robinson and Trapp. Those voting for were Messrs. Gay, McNally, Becks, Jacobson, Jarrett and Merrill.

The legislature of 1915 gave the city the right to purchase this property at \$30,000, and to go over this amount would be next to impossible, even if the city wished.

But The News has a hunch that the city will not wish. The people want water all right, but when they go to spending more money for the stuff they will not be likely to purchase an old, inadequate plant, and one that is easily contaminated at a price beyond all reason. Palatka needs water. The old plant lacks capacity to supply present day needs. The water is good when pure, but it isn't always pure. Palatka must act with a view to future growth. It can get an adequate supply of soft, clear, pure water by tapping some of the lakes to the west of us and bringing it to the city through the city's pipes, and not through the old pipes of the Boston corporation. Georges Lake has been mentioned as the most likely source from which the city could get an adequate supply of water for the present and future.

VON ENGELKEN MAY GET FEDERAL PLUM

In Connection With Farm and Loan Board—Rural Credits.

Col. F. J. H. von Engelken of Vin-golf-on-the-St. Johns, East Palatka, has been considered by President Wilson this week in connection with an appointment on the new Farm and Loan Board provided for in the Rural Credits bill about to pass the senate. Four members of this board are to be appointed by the president and the bill provides that their salaries will be \$10,000 per annum.

This board according to the Washington correspondent of the Jacksonville Metropolis, is expected to become one of the big factors in the development of agriculture in the United States, as it is to be given wide scope and authorized to proceed along certain lines to be agreed upon by the members of the body.

Col. von Engelken, says the Metropolis, is one of the best known agriculturalists in Florida and has been deeply interested in farm problems such as the farm and loan board will deal with. He was a member of the commission sent from this country to study rural credits in Europe, and was there when the war broke out.

The Palatka News trusts Col. von Engelken will get this job—it will beat that county commissionership by several, and as the place contemplates loaning money to potato diggers and other farmers on their prospects, it will enable him to get even with some of the men who gave him the merry ha-ha during his recent campaign for the county board. The colonel is a scientific farmer, one who has familiarized himself with the rules of the game, but who lacks the practical experience that would enable him to successfully buck Providence were that much abused power to beat the rules and send an unknown pestilence among East Palatka potato orchards. Of all the farmers or farm-owners we know, there isn't a man whom we believe could more gracefully fall heir to such an appointment as is contemplated than Col. von Engelken. He's the one boy for the job, unless he be the editor of this paper, who is also some book farmer and who could also get a heap of comfort in looking down from a \$10,000 a year pedestal on some of these Putnam county Cattsists who kept him from going where glory waits, and tellin' of them to go chase themselves.

Wanted—Chickens.

The Associated Charities have a number of sick people on their list for whom they would like some chickens to make chicken broth. Anyone who is able to spare one, two or more, would do a great favor to the Society if they would phone 204, or 185 between 3 and 5 o'clock p. m.

Two From Titusville.

Titusville has a good baseball team, but it is not in the Palatka class. They came here for games on Tuesday and Wednesday, both of which were played to a small audience of fans. Palatka won both games, the first by a score of 3 to 2, and the second by a score of 5 to 1. Yesterday the Palatka team went over to St. Augustine to play their old contestants for the blue ribbon.

Death of T. B. Anderson.

Mr. T. B. Anderson, formerly and for many years a prominent citizen of Palatka, died at the Anderson home on North Third street at 2 o'clock last Sunday morning after a long illness, in the fifty-eight year of his age.

Mr. Anderson was a son of the late Major General J. Patton Anderson of the Confederate army, and who was also a member of the Florida Convention which declared for secession. The family home was at Monticello, in Jefferson county, and Gen. Anderson ranked as one of the State's most eminent citizens. Here Mr. T. B. Anderson was born and lived until he came to Palatka some 30 years ago.

During his life in this city Mr. Anderson was long connected with the old Florida Southern Railway. He also served some time as city clerk of Palatka.

For the past several years he had been in a most serious condition of health, and suffered greatly. For some months it has been impossible for him to get out.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his mother, Mrs. Patton Anderson, and sister, Miss Margaret Anderson, both of this city, one brother, Mr. J. Patton Anderson of Morgantown, Ky., and three children, Messrs. Charles Everett and Cromwell Adair Anderson, and Miss Clara Land Anderson, all of this city.

The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Anderson was a member, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. M. Alford, the pastor. The interment was in Oak Hill cemetery, with full Masonic honors. The sympathy of the people of Palatka is with the family in their days of mourning.

Apple Pie.

The flavor of apple pie may be agreeably changed by a thin layer of quince jelly beneath the crust.

REV. P. Q. CASON MAY RECALL RESIGNATION

In Deference to Urgent Petition of Congregation.

Last Sunday Rev. P. Q. Cason, for several years the popular pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, sprang a surprise on the congregation of that church by tendering his resignation as pastor. Only a limited number, and they among the church officials, had any inkling that the resignation was coming.

But Mr. Cason has had a call to a southern Tennessee church where the opportunities for work are greater and the salary is also \$600 per year more. Now what could an ambitious minister of the gospel, willing and anxious to enlarge his field of labor and with opportunities for greater usefulness do but heed such a call?

And then, again, there has been altogether too much gossip in the Palatka church, with the good pastor having to get up in the morning to go out and defend his character against the gossip of a certain set of male and female scandal-mongers who worked without other material than a perverted imagination whose leading string connected with a tongue attuned to lolling morsels of gossip and scandal concerning those whose one aim in life is to reach righteousness through clean living. The scandal-monger gets irritated when it comes in contact with such people.

Pastor Cason irritated some of 'em, and they talked. It didn't matter that he disproved every item of their dirt; that his official board met and sifted every charge to the base and found the man clean; that the original scandal-monger signed a retraction in the presence of witnesses and acknowledged "it" had lied. The words of the mongers spread, however, and the good pastor was getting tired. The clean life of Palatka knew that Pastor Cason was a part of it, and that his detractors were scum; but the hurt had been deeply inflicted and the pastor got tired of re-opening and dressing the wound. Opportunity knocked at his door. It was the call to a larger field in Tennessee. He would cut loose from it all and go, hence the resignation.

But the action of Sunday didn't take with the good Baptist people of Palatka, and they weren't going to stand for it if there was any remedy. These people got busy and at the weekly prayer service on Wednesday night they presented the pastor with a petition as long as your arm, begging him to stay. They coaxed, and argued and some of the more emotional among them shed tears at thoughts of parting. They made many promises; gave Mr. Cason a month's vacation, and begged that he reconsider.

Result Mr. Cason will preach next Sunday morning and evening. Then he will go to Worthington Springs for three weeks and has promised while there to reconsider. He will return to Palatka the last Sunday in July, when he will also preach and give his decision.

Palatka people who would have this good man continue with us might do well to help swell his congregations next Sunday. A full house and overflowing on that occasion would be in the nature of a testimonial of appreciation of the man and his years of effort in behalf of a better, more sane moral and upright Palatka. It would be also something of a protest against the unclean spirits that have wriggled into this church and their efforts to taint it with their own vile imaginings.

FLA. EAST COAST RY TO PENSION EMPLOYEES

Employees to be Retired on Reaching Seventy Years.

Announcement is made public to the effect that the Florida East Coast Railway Company will on July 1, 1916, inaugurate a pension system for the purpose of enabling officers and employees of the company and allied interests who have served long and faithfully to retire from active work and receive an adequate pension. This forward movement by the directors of the Flagler System is most commendable and will prove of great benefit to a large number of old employees both in St. Augustine and all along the East Coast. The pensions will be graded and allowed by a pension board to be named by the directors and this board at present will consist of General Freight Agent W. P. Boger, General Passenger Agent J. D. Rahner, Superintendent of Transportation J. H. Owens, Supt. of Motive Power and Machinery George A. Miller, Chief Engineer E. Ben Carter, General Auditor T. V. Pomar and the general solicitor.

The railroad's employees will be retired on reaching the age of 70 years, and those who have served at least ten years immediately prior to retirement will be pensioned. The pensions will be two percent of the employee's salary at retirement multiplied by his years of service. It was explained that under this plan, an employee getting \$100 per month at retirement and who had worked for the road twenty years would receive a pension of \$40 per month.

CATTS DECLARED NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR

"Anti-Catholic" Candidate Led W. V. Knott by 260 Votes.

Tallahassee June 28th.—(Special to Palatka News)—The State Canvassing Board has declared Rev. Sidney J. Catts the democratic candidate for governor, the canvass from the various counties of the state showing that Mr. Catts had a majority of 260 votes over W. V. Knott, the second high man. Catts had 33,429 first and second choice votes, and Knott 33,169.

The vote on other offices as given out by the canvassing board was as follows:

U. S. Senator—Trammell, (1st and second choice) 43,589; Bryan, 23,282. Majority for Trammell, 20,306.

Secretary of State—Crawford, 47,142; Jordan, 23,618. Majority for Crawford, 23,524.

State Treasurer—Luning, 39,790; Griner, 29,628. Majority for Luning, 10,162.

Supt. Public Instruction—Sheats, 38,312; Kelley, 37,325. Majority for Sheats, 987.

Comptroller—Amos, 31,163; Angle, 23,085. Majority for Amos, 8,078.

R. R. Commissioner—Dunn, 29,463; Wells, 24,843. Majority for Dunn, 4,620.

Justice Supreme Court—Browne, 41,500; Cockrell, 24,559. Majority for Browne, 16,941.

National Committeeman—Crawford, 35,746; Gibbons, 24,194. Majority for Crawford, 11,552.

Mr. Knott made application in the circuit court of Gadsden county for an injunction to prevent the issuing of a certificate of nomination to Mr. Catts until certain counties where he had begun mandamus proceedings for a recount, or retabulation, could be made. The court denied the injunction, as also did the supreme court on appeal. This, however, does not interfere with Mr. Knott's mandamus proceedings, and if on a recount of the ballot in these counties it is shown that Mr. Knott has a sufficient majority to overcome the present Catts' lead, the canvassing board will be called together to revoke the Catts' certificate and issue one instead to Knott.

PRESERVING LANDMARKS.

Congress Bill to Take Care of Old Florida Forts.

Old Fort Barrachess, Fort San Carlos and Fort Redoubt, fortifications with histories about Pensacola, Fla., are to be repaired and kept in condition and preserved, provided a bill introduced in congress is passed. It has been accepted by the house and carries an appropriation sufficient not only to make the repairs necessary, but also to provide caretakers. All the old fortifications of the country are to be given like attention.

These forts have great historic value. The history of America—the intimate history of America—centered around many of them.

Pensacola Terminus of Forest Highway.

Pensacola has been selected as the southern terminus of the Forest highway, a roadway that will extend from Atlanta to that city, touching at Rome and other points in Alabama and Georgia. It will put that city in direct connection with the great highways running north, east and west and with the Old Spanish Trail, extending to the east coast of Florida. Pensacola will be on the route of practically all automobile tourist travel of the future.

Boring For Oil in Florida.

Work will be resumed within the next few days at the oil well located at Kissimmee park, on the east shore of Lake Tohopekaliga, and seven miles southeast of Kissimmee, Fla. A new company has been formed and an application for a charter is now being advertised.

Man and Mule Shattered.

Neil McCallum, one of the best known residents of Salerno, Fla., was blown to atoms, together with his mule and wagon, when he carelessly dropped a box containing dynamite to the ground. Only fragments of the body were found.

Balanced Rocks.

In Acushnet, Me., are two rocks peculiarly situated on a ledge and apparently placed there by a glacial action. The larger rock weighs probably several hundred tons, and years ago, it is said, this could be tilted by pushing against it. There are evidences that some time smaller rocks were placed as wedges to keep the great rock motionless.—Indianapolis News.

About Politics.

"Madam," said the tramp, "I was once a member of the legislature."

"And are you sure," she said, inclined to believe him, "that your reformation is complete?"—New York Post.

Unusual.

"They're so old fashioned."

"What makes you think so?"

"Why, she and her mother are the best of friends."—Detroit Free Press.

The Putnam National Bank of Palatka
PALATKA, FLORIDA

Total Assets, June 10th	\$700,000.00
Liabilities to Depositors	495,000.00
Assets over Liabilities to Depositors	205,000.00

According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest bank in Florida.

Our Safe Deposit Boxes, double lock system, are the best make. \$3.00 per year. We solicit your banking business.

E. WELCH, President
WILSON, Vice-President

A. S. WILLARD, Cashier
CHAS. BURT, Asst. Cashier